

United States Environmental Protection Agency
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO
DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NOTICE OF STATE CERTIFICATION,
and
NOTICE OF STATE REVIEW OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Public Notice No.: AK-002249-7

Public Notice Issuance Date: July 24, 2000

Public Notice Expiration Date: August 27, 2000

1. Applicant

City of Palmer
Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
231 W. Evergreen Ave.
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Permit No.: AK-002249-7

The city of Palmer is located in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The city owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant that provides secondary treatment and disinfection of wastewater prior to discharge in the Matanuska River. The facility currently serves a population of 4,318. The City of Palmer WWTP discharges treated effluent to the Matanuska River through outfall 001, located at latitude 61E33'36"N and longitude 149E06'30"W. The discharge enters the Matanuska River approximately 5 miles northeast of the entrance to the Knik Arm. The facility's average design flow is 0.75 million gallons per day (mgd) and is currently discharging at a flow rate of 0.45 mgd. Treatment consists of a bar screen, flow measurements, aerated lagoons, polishing lagoon, and chlorination chamber. The plant receives domestic wastewater from residential and commercial sources, and industrial wastewater from several sources. The industrial discharges contribute approximately 10,000 gallons per day to the treatment plant influent and are regulated by the City. The collection system has no combined stormwater/sanitary wastewater sewers.

A Fact Sheet is available.

2. Tentative Determination

The Region 10 Office of the EPA has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

3. State Certification

This Notice will also serve as Public Notice of the intent of the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation to consider certifying that the subject discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of Section 208(e), 301, 301, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act. The NPDES permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of Section 401 have been met.

4. State Consistency Determination

This Notice will also serve as Public Notice of the intent of the State of Alaska, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Governmental Coordination, to review this action for consistency with the approved Alaska Coastal Management Program. Your comments, particularly on the proposed project's consistency with the affected local coastal district management program, are requested. To be considered, written comments must be submitted to the Division of Governmental Coordination (address and fax number below) and must be received by **5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2000**. Comments regarding inconsistency with an affected coastal district's enforceable policy or a state standard set out in 6 AAC 80.040-6 AAC 80.150 must identify the enforceable policy or standard and explain how the project is inconsistent.

5. Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment on the tentative determinations contained in the proposed permit or wishing to request that a public hearing be held, may do so in writing or via e-mail at koch.kristine@epa.gov, within 30 days of the date of this public notice. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. Comments must be received within this 30 day period to be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. All comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based. All written comments and requests should be submitted to EPA at the above address to the attention of the Director, Office of Water.

Persons wishing to comment on State Certification should submit written comments within this 30 day period to the Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 3601 'C' Street, Suite 1334, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

Persons wishing to comment on the State Determination of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program should submit written comments within this 34day period, to the State of Alaska, Southcentral Regional Office, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Governmental Coordination, 550 W. 7th Street, Suite 1660, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Comments should be addressed to the attention of Alaska Coastal Management Program Consistency Review.

6. Administrative Record

The proposed NPDES permit and other related documents are on file and may be inspected at the above address any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies and other information may be requested by writing to the EPA at the above address to the attention of the Office of Water, or by calling (206) 553-1214. This material is also available from the EPA Alaska Operations Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #19, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513-7588, or by calling (907)271-6561. Copies of the permit and fact sheet can be found by visiting the Region 10 website at www.epa.gov/r10earth/water.htm

To ensure effective communication, additional services can be made available to persons with hearing disabilities by contacting one of the above representatives at 1-800-833-6384 via their TDD or TTY equipment.